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SUBJ: FISHERIES: CANADIAN NOTE ON QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND

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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PRESENT AIDE-MEMOIRE AS FOLLOWS
IN REPLY TO CANADIAN AIDE-MEMOIRE OF NOV 7 RE US TRAWL
FISHERY IN QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND:

BEGIN TEXT: THE EMBASSY REFERS TO THE AIDE-MEMOIRE OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DATED NOVEMBER 7,
1973, EXPRESSING THE CONCERN OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
REGARDING THE SIZABLE INCREASE WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE
TAKEN PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES FISHING EFFORT AND
CATCH WITHIN QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND.

THE COMPETENT UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES HAVE LOOKED INTO
THIS MATTER BUT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO RECONCILE THE STATIS-
TICAL DATA PRESENTED BY CANADA WITH THOSE AVAILABLE TO
THE UNITED STATES. FOR THE WHOLE OF STATISTICAL AREAS
5A THROUGH 5C OF THE PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
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(PMFC), DATA FROM THE UNITED STATES PORTION OF THE PMFC

DATA SERIES REPORTS FOR 1971 AND 1972 AND FROM WASHINGTON STATE INTERVIEW DATA FOR 1973 SHOW UNITED STATES EFFORT IN WHOLE HOURS AND CATCH IN THOUSANDS OF POUNDS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO MAY INCLUSIVE TO HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS:

	-----EFFORT-----	-----CATCH-----
1971	2,686	2,677
1972	4,040	5,132
1973	3,822	7,846

THUS FIGURES FOR THESE FIVE-MONTH PERIODS SHOW AN INCREASE IN EFFORT IN 1972 BUT A SLIGHT DECREASE IN 1973.

ON THE OTHER HAND, WHEN DATA FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR ARE CONSIDERED A QUITE DIFFERENT PICTURE EMERGES. DATA FROM THE SAME SOURCES AND IN THE SAME TERMS AS ABOVE FOR WHOLE YEARS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	-----EFFORT-----	-----CATCH-----
1971	11,366	16,522
1972	12,189	20,092
1973	10,127	16,589

THE FIGURES FOR 1973 COVER THE PERIOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 10; THEY MAY INCREASE SLIGHTLY BUT NOT SUBSTANTIALLY. THUS THE EFFORT FOR THE YEAR 1973 IS EXPECTED TO BE WELL BELOW THE LEVEL OF 1971.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER WILL REQUIRE SOME ELABORATION AND COMPARISON OF THE STATISTICAL DATA BY THE EXPERTS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. IF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA CONSIDERS THAT A CONSERVATION PROBLEM EXISTS WITH RESPECT TO THE TRAWL FISHERIES IN THE AREA OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS OF COURSE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER IN THE SPIRIT OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE AGREEMENT ON RECIPROCAL FISHING PRIVILEGES. END
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OF TEXT.

2. IN CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT WITH C. R. LEVELTON OF FISHERIES AND MARINE SERVICE, AMB. MCKERNAN MENTIONED OUR PUZZLEMENT AT WIDE DISCREPANCIES IN STATISTICS OF TWO SIDES. LEVELTON SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THIS ASPECT. KISSINGER

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